

SECOND READING FOR THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MADISON
COUNTY WHEEL TAX AND A MADISON COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE
SURTAX

MINUTES
June 4, 2008

The Special Madison County Council meeting was called to order by President John Bostic, Jr. The following members were present:

John Bostic, Jr
Larry Crenshaw
Jeffrey Hardin
Gary Gustin
Buddy Patterson
Bill Savage
Steve Sumner

Also present were County Auditor Kathy Stoops-Wright, First Deputy Auditor Patty Mauck and Council Attorney Jim Wilson.

President Bostic turned the meeting over to Jim Steele of Steele Consultants who spoke, via telephone, to the Council, concerning the benefits of the Wheel Tax and how the County revenue will be decreased in the future and the County is and will continue to struggle if something isn't done soon.

County Attorney Jim Wilson suspended the second reading of Ordinance No 2008-5D, Ordinance Authorizing Madison County Wheel Tax and a Madison County Motor Vehicle Excise Surtax.

Motion was made by Gary Gustin and seconded by Bill Savage to pass Ordinance No 2008-5D. A roll call vote was taken:

John Bostic, Jr - aye
Larry Crenshaw - nay
Jeffrey Hardin - aye
Gary Gustin - aye
Buddy Patterson - nay
Bill Savage - aye
Steve Sumner – nay

4 Ayes 3 Nays Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2008-5D

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MADISON COUNTY WHEEL TAX AND
A MADISON COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE SURTAX**

WHEREAS, Acts 1980, P.L. 10, Section 4 (IC 6-3.5-4-2) authorizes the County Council to impose by ordinance a local annual Excise Surtax (of not less than 2% or more than 10% or a flat fee not less than \$7.50 or more than \$25.00) on each motor vehicle subject to the annual excise tax registered in the County; and,

WHEREAS, Acts 1980, P.L. 10, Section 5 (IC 6-3.5-5-2) authorizes the County Council to impose by ordinance a local option annual Wheel Tax (of not less than \$5.00 or not more than \$40.00) on each of 6 (six) classifications on motor vehicles not subject to the excise tax, registered in the County; and,

WHEREAS, Acts 1980, P.L. 10, Sections 4 and 5 (IC 6-3.5-4 and 5) require that the local option Excise Surtax and local option Wheel Tax be imposed concurrently; and,

WHEREAS, Madison County and the Cities and Towns in Madison County have experienced a severe short-fall in Gasoline Tax Funds needed to support the safe, all-weather operation of the road and street system in Madison County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT

(1) Beginning January 1, 2009, and until further amended by ordinance, all passenger cars, trucks of less than 11,000 pounds gross weight, and motorcycles registered in Madison County, that are now subject to an excise tax, shall also be subject to an annual excise surtax of (\$ 25.00) to be paid with the annual registration of said motor vehicles.

(2) Beginning January 1, 2009, and until further amended by ordinance, all of the following eight classes of motor vehicles, registered in Madison County, shall be subject to an annual Wheel Tax as set out in the following schedule, to be paid with the annual registration of said vehicles:

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Motor Vehicle Classification	Annual Wheel Tax
(A) Buses	\$ 40.00
(B) Recreation Vehicles	\$ 40.00
(C) Semitrailers	\$ 40.00
(D) Tractors	\$ 40.00
(E) Light Trailers	\$ 5.00 (less than 12,000 lb)
(F) Heavy Trailers	\$ 40.00 (12,000 lb and greater)
(G) Light Trucks	\$ 40.00 (less than 30,000 lb)
(H) Heavy Trucks	\$ 40.00 (30,000 lb and greater)

(3) As provided by Acts 1980, P.L. 10, Section 5, (IC 6-3.5-5-4), the following motor vehicles are exempt from the annual Wheel Tax:

- (A) Vehicles owned by the state, a state agency of this state, or a political subdivision of this state;
- (B) Buses owned and operated by a religious or non-profit youth organization and used to haul persons to religious services or for the benefit of their members;
- (C) Vehicles subject to the annual excise surtax imposed under IC 6-3.5-5-4.

(4) Beginning January 1, 2009, all of the Excise Surtax and Wheel Tax collected on motor vehicles registered in Madison County shall be distributed, as provided in Acts 1980, P.L. 10, to the County, City, and Town Units of Madison County by the County Auditor and shall be used only to construct, reconstruct, repair, or maintain streets, roads and bridges under their jurisdiction or as a contribution to an authority established under I.C. 36-7-23.

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Dated this ____ day of _____, 2008.

MADISON COUNTY COUNCIL

BY: _____
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Madison County Auditor

Councilman

Councilman

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.